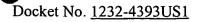
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## **AMENDMENT**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Please amend claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 49, 51, 60, 61 and 63-72 to read as follows (attached also is an appendix showing the changes):

40. (Amended) An image processing apparatus having a carriage on which an image reading device for reading an image of original is detachably mounted, said apparatus comprising:

an obtaining unit, arranged to obtain identification information representing an image reading device mounted on the carriage;

a storage, arranged to store reference data, which represents a signal level outputted from an image reading device in a process for obtaining predetermined reference data, in association with identification information of the image reading device; and

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